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Dear Sir,

I'm glad to know someone is looking into the unfair practices of the pharmaceutical industry.

I've run into the same thing myself.


For instance, Pepcid AC 10MG over the counter is about 25 cents each. If I buy 20MG on a prescription, the cost is \$1.67 each! So I just buy over the counter and take 2 which figures out to 50 cents vs \$1.67!

Another case. I use 5MG of Prinivil for high blood pressure. If I buy 5MG it costs me \$32.00 for 30 or \$1.07 each. Now if buy 10MG it costs me \$28.00 for 30. So I buy the 10MG and cut them in half. Now my cost is 47 cents vs \$1.07!

I'm sure this is but the tip of the iceberg. This is an angle that even the doctors weren't aware of, and, quite frankly, didn't seem to care too much.

I applaud your efforts and I'm sure you have 100% of the people in back of you.

In fact, if you wrote to your constituents and asked for their input I know you'll get many answers similar to mine.


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